THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYA SAGAR RAO) : (a) and (b) Delhi Police has been making concerted efforts to prevent incidents of crime in the National Capital Territory as a result of which the crime rate in the National Capital Territory of Delhi has registered a decline of 9.52% in the year 1999 as compared to the preceding year.

(c) "Public Order" and "Police" being State subjects as per the Constitution of India, the registration, investigation, detection and prevention of crime is essentially the responsibility of the State Government concerned.

Protecting the Lives of Ordinary Citizens in Kashmir

2810. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government agree that the recent brutal massacre of 36 Sikhs in Kashmir has exposed that the Central and State Government have failed to protect the lives of ordinary citizens;

(b) whether any urgent measures have been taken to instil confidence among the people and provide them with adequate security; and

(c) if so, details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO) : (a) to (c) Gruesome killing of 35 innocent citizens belonging to Sikh Community in Chattisinghpura village is a cowardly act perpetrated by the Pak supported terrorists. Security forces immediately launched operations to apprehend the terrorists involved in the massacre. A local resident of Chattisinghpura was arrested for participating in the carnage, and the security forces conducted raids on terrorist hideouts resulting in the killing of a number of terrorists, alleged to have participated in the incident. The security forces have already strengthened the security arrangements in the Sikh inhabited villages in the valley by *inter alia* providing security pickets. It has also been decided to set up village defence committees in such Sikh villages, where sufficient volunteers are available.

Prosecution of Chief Minister of Bihar

2811 . SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that CBI had sought sanction of present Governor of Bihar to prosecute Chief Minister Smt. Rabri Devi and Sh. Laloo Yadav as reported in the Pioneer dated 9th March, 2000;

(b) if so, whether prosecution has been sought on genuine grounds;

(c) what are the facts with details thereof;

(d) whether C.B.I. had prosecuted any other persons on similar ground during the last five years; and

(e) if so, the particulars thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI) : (a) According to information received from the Central Bureau of Investigation, it had sought sanction for prosecution in respect of Shri Laloo Prasad, former Chief Minister of Bihar, and not Smt. Rabri Devi, the present Chief Minister of Bihar. Sanction for her prosecution was not required as, during the relevant period, she was not a public servant.

(b) and (c) The matter is now *sub judice*.

(d) and (e) During the last five years, the Central Bureau of Investigation has filed charge sheets in 166 cases against public servants u/s 13(2)r/w 13(1)(e) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 on grounds of possession of assets disproportionate to known sources of income. Yearwise details are given below :

YEAR	No of Cases in which charge sheets have been filed
1995	37
1996	24
1997	23
1998	33
1999	49

Need to End Violence in J and K

2812 . SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :